

Appl. No. 10/800747

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This is in response to a telephone call from the Examiner on August 22, 2007.

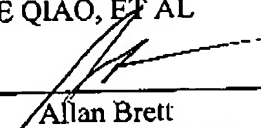
Minor amendments to the claims have been made to replace "adapted to" with "configured to", and to remove the expression "so as to exploit a gain versus optical amplification media physical length characteristic".

In view of the foregoing, early favorable consideration of this application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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